

## LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS.

**DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE**

**The East River Bridge—What its Engineers Have to Say in Answer to the Thomaston Shipowners—Not Obstructing Navigation.**

The engineers of the East River Bridge say that there is not more than a half dozen vessels accustomed to visit this port which can not pass under the bridge without hauling their main foremast masts, and that the bridge when completed will afford no such obstruction to navigation as the Thomaston (Maine) ship-construction. Hon. Mr. Blaine recently submitted to the Senate, predict, There has been some cause of complaint is admitted, due to the number of stars which have been employed to secure the temporary foot bridge against the effect of the gale of the last two or three winters. It was expected that this aerial structure would have been wholly demolished two or three times; and to guard it as much as possible, numerous guy ropes were

used, but those have recently been removed, and there is not a vessel in Thomaston harbor at present. The height of the bridge above the water is about 120 feet above high water mark, while the clear height of the bridge in the center is about 140 feet above high water. At 32° Fahrenheit, it is 135 feet. The bridge was fixed by a commission of engineers comprising Messrs. Newton, Wright, and King, appointed by the State of Maine, and the chief of the bridge engineers, who then placed the bridge at 130 feet.

"The Faxon ferrisboat," said one engineer, "are a far greater obstruction to navigation than the bridge will ever be."

**Hanging Himself in Central Park.**

Pollomon Coughlin looked from the Terrace in Central Park, at 334 P. M. yesterday, and saw a man hanging from the top of a tall tree on the hill in the Ramble in Central Park. The man was hanging from the top of a tall tree on the hill in the Ramble in Central Park. The man was hanging from the top of a tall tree on the hill in the Ramble in Central Park.

The same attorney, and Coulahan, went to find out what was the matter. The men was cold and dead. He had tied a rope to the limb of the tree, and hanged himself. The limb had bent with his weight until he was in a sitting position, and then he threw his body forward, and allowed himself to fall. He was dressed in a suit, and was dressed in dark clothes. In his pockets were an empty tin of tobacco, a tin of soap, and a tin of tooth powder. He had a note in his pocket, which was possibly for his suicide, on which was written "A. Strodt, 363 Sixth avenue."

At about 10 o'clock this morning a large restaurant on the ground floor, at St. Croix Hotel, 245 Madison street, was closed. The building, where he resided, was the Knicker Boek Hotel, 363 Sixth avenue. He paid \$1,000 for the coal while \$1,000 was the amount of the bill. He had a large sum of money there. He has a wife and two small children. He was a mother died, and that added to his despondency.

**Wandering in the Street Dead**

A woman was found at 9 o'clock last evening wandering in an uncertain way back and forth across Exchange place.

**Built in the Seventeenth Century.**

The addition of 100 acres to Calvary Cemetery will cause the demolition of the old Alsop mansion, which is said to have been built by Thomas Wandell, who came to the city in 1636, bringing with him his nephew, or adopted son, Richard Alsop. The only listed descendant of the family now living is William Alsop, who lives in New York. Richard Alsop was engaged in a fierce battle with the Dutch and the Indians and was killed in 1657, which much property he bequeathed to his son, Richard.

**More Trouble in the Tabernacle.** The trustees of the Rev. Dr. Talmage's Tabernacle are again troubled. The persistent refusal of Dr. Talmage to allow the pew-s to be rented imposes upon the trustees a heavy financial burden. The expenses of the church income, and now that a special offering has been made to encourage dollar donations toward paying the large debt, remain, as being used in providing for next year's salary. The current players of the expenses of the church last year it was a year ago, and the salary of Dr. George M. Morgan, who has been refused to be paid, is now a year ago. Dr. Morgan, however, refuses to have his pay cut down, and he will leave his position on May 1 if the trustees persist. The church two years ago was in a bad way from the same cause.

**A New Insurance Building.**

**The London, Liverpool and Globe Insurance** Company have decided to erect a large building. They have purchased the real estate 47 and 48 William street and 41 and 43 Pine street for \$175,000. The present buildings thereon will be torn down on May 1. The new building will be a four-story high, with two elevators and with passages and entrances on both feet and Pine. It will have a front on William street of sixty feet and a depth of 100 feet. The building will remain in their present building, 45 William street, until the new building is ready for occupancy. It will be allowed to correspond with the new one and made a part of it. The total cost of the work, including the real estate, will probably reach \$300,000.

**A Month Earlier than Usual.**

The managers of the Fall River line announce that their elegant steamboats Bristol and Providence are to be placed on the route for the season of 1900 to leave New York earlier than usual, leaving Pier 28 North Street at 10 o'clock on September 10.

Attracted by a Hatchet.

William Clancy, a butcher, lives in the same house with his brothers-in-law, Stephen Rice, at 53½ Fifty-second street. Last evening, after a quarrel, Clancy struck Rice on the head and shoulders with a hatchet, inflicting several deep wounds. Rice says he was sleeping on a sofa in the parlor, and that he awoke to find Clancy in and about his room. Clancy, who was drunk, came in and struck him. "Clancy," says Rice, "tore my hair out, hit me on the face with his fist, and then he came in this family affair and struck him first. Clancy was as strong as a horse, and he was very angry. He wanted to split me, and took pole-axe me. It was very difficult to hold him."

Travelers the Trout Season.

The annual exhibition of trout by Mr. Eugene G. Blackford of Fulton Market is announced for April 1 and the two succeeding days, when there will be a display of specimens of this fish, at various ages, from the fry to the full grown fish, from the waters of Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Canada, and many other countries. The exhibition will be held in the morning in the forenoon and in the afternoon in the evening, and the exhibition has been held since its inception.

**Lugrave.**

Alfred Eugene Lugrave, who cheated H. B. Vinton & Co. and other wholesale firms out of nearly \$50,000 worth of goods, and escaped to Europe, is once more at large, having been discharged from custody in Paris, immediately on his release from prison, where he had been confined for six months. He left Paris with his wife and five girls, where he occupies a magnificent furnished house.

**Narrow Escape from a Burning Dwelling.**

**Joseph Smith's dwelling at Rockville Centre, L. I.**, was burned Tuesday morning. All of the inmates, save in number, escaped. Carman Smith was compelled to leave his room, as it was burning about him, and then, at the risk of his life, he rescued the burning dweller. The rescued Miss McLean was seen, being partly suffocated by smoke, was unable to get out of her room.

**Signal Office Prediction.**

For the Middle Atlantic States light rain or showers followed by drizzle, with occasional clearing; the temperature will be moderate, with a tendency toward higher temperatures during the latter part of the week.

**SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.**

The Alcega Lorraine *Goss* device which killed Mannie *Wells* in the Georgia state of death.

A popular physician, a half-million grain granulator, committed suicide yesterday by shooting. No cause for the act is given.

Mrs. Bunyan, aged 14 years dropped dead in a

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No specific for local skin ailments can cope in popular favor with Glenn's Saltpur Soap. Sold by all druggists.